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LEYBURN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

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To the CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF THE LEYBURN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my report on the health of the district for the year 1967.

The vital statistics compare very favourably with those for England and Wales and do not call for any special comments. The incidence of notifiable diseases remained at a low level.

The Northallerton and the Dales Water Board were responsible for water supplies. See extract from their 1967 Report - Pages 8 and 9.

Progress in re-housing and building continued on a satisfactory scale.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

H. Diggles,

Medical Officer of Health.

November, 1968.

SECTION (A)

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

General Statistics

(a)	Area (in acres)	..	..	..	..	71697
	Population (Registrar General's estimate of resident population - mid-year 1967	..				6170
	Population - 1931 Census	..	..	..		6851
	Population - 1951 Census	..	..	..		6423
	Population - 1961 Census	..	..	..		6138
	Number of Inhabited houses 1951	..	..	..		1871
	Number of Inhabited houses 1967	..	..	..		2044
	Rateable value of district	..	..	..	£158,215	
	Produce of 1d rate	..	..	..		603

(b)

Vital statistics (as supplied by Registrar General)

	MALES			FEMALES		
	Total:	Legit:	Illegit:	Total:	Legit:	Illegit:
Live births	32	29	3	42	39	3
Still births	1	1	-	1	1	-
<u>INFANT DEATHS</u>						
Under 1 year	1	-	1	-	-	-
Under 4 weeks	1	-	1	-	-	-
Under 1 week	-	-	-	-	-	-

CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH

Causes of Deaths	Males	Females	Total
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	-	1	1
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	-	1
Hypertension with heart disease	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	1	3
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4	1	5
Vascular lesions of nervous system	10	8	18
Coronary disease, angina	8	11	19
Other heart disease	3	4	7
Other circulatory disease	1	2	3
Other diseases of Respiratory System	1	-	1
Pneumonia	3	2	5
Bronchitis	3	1	4
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	-	3
Congenital Malformations	1	-	1
Suicide	-	1	1
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-	1
Total deaths - all causes	42	34	76

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS 1948 & 1951

It was necessary to take action for one female under Section 47 of the above Act, which gives the Council power to remove to suitable premises, persons who are not able to devote to themselves and are not receiving from other persons, adequate care and attention.

SECTION (B)

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Details of the Staff are given at the beginning of the Report.

Laboratory Facilities

Laboratory facilities are provided at the Public Health Laboratory, Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

Ambulance Facilities

The North Riding of Yorkshire County Council supply Ambulance Services from their stations at Northallerton and Bainbridge.

Hospital Services

Local Hospital accommodation is provided by the Northallerton Hospital Management Committee of the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board. In addition, a number of residents in the Leyburn Area receive both in-patient and out-patient treatment at Darlington and Harrogate Hospitals.

Nursing in the Homes

The Home Nursing and Domiciliary Midwifery Service is under the general direction of the County Council, with day to day administration being dealt with by the Wensleydale Area Local Health Committee. Four District Nurse/Midwives operate in the area.

Domestic Help Service

This is provided by the County Council. The day to day administration being dealt with by the Area Health Sub-Committee through the Medical Officer.

SECTION (C)

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infectious Diseases Notified	Males	Females	Total
Measles	4	7	11
Scarlet Fever	-	1	1
Whooping Cough	1	2	3

SECTION (D)

Water Supplies

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Refuse Disposal

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) Details are to be found in the
) Public Health Inspector's section.
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To the CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF THE LEYBURN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my second Annual Report in in conjunction with that of the Medical Officer of Health.

The Council's own office accommodation is being improved. Work commenced in October, 1967 on a 13 months contract. The result will be a modern set of offices in contrast to the unsuitable existing ones which are unsatisfactory both from the structural and administrative points of view. Administration of the Offices and Shops legislation in this area may come a little easier once the authority has set its own offices in order.

The National House Condition Token Survey, 1967 selected Leyburn R.D.C. as one of the authorities and 21 houses were inspected. Of these three were closed as unfit and one was only a shell. I was reassured that this would not upset the national estimate but now the astonishing results have been published, I have my doubts. Only a complete national housing survey can produce a correct figure but shortage of staff would be a difficulty. I see no reason why the environmental information on the 1971 Census Forms could not be made available to local authorities subject to the confidential nature of the form being respected.

Emission of dust from the two Leyburn Quarries is presenting difficulties. I am grateful to the Alkali Inspectorate for assistance and advice.

More applicants improved their houses with the aid of grants during the year. Private house building proceeded at a greater rate.

I am indebted to Mr. A.W. Madin, the Housing Manager, who now deals with all housing matters, for the figure relating to housing, also for the help he has given in other work.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

Robert Seeds,

November, 1968.

Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

The Northallerton and the Dales Water Board is the water authority.

They published a comprehensive report on "Future Capital Works" in October, 1967.

The following is an extract:-

"The Board has five spring sources in Leyburn R.D., one of them, Arrathorne, privately owned, and a further source comprising two abandoned lead mine adits.

Their elevations vary from 375 ft. to 1,360 ft. A.O.D. and all of them except the Cranchow Bottom/Whipperdale supply rise in or near the Millstone Grit, with the result that the water is softer than that from the majority of the Board's sources.

The reliable yields of the sources are small although those serving Caldbergh and Horsehouse in Coverdale are adequate and that at Arrathorne just adequate to satisfy existing demands. The other three sources, viz. Cranchow Bottom/Whipperdale, Middleham (Penhill) and Sowden Beck, which are linked together by a mains system, are however, grossly inadequate in periods of drought.

All sources are subject to some bacteriological pollution although from the very limited number of test results available for Arrathorne and Caldbergh the water from these springs could be classified as satisfactory according to the Ministry of Health Memorandum. It is almost certain however, that they too suffer occasional faecal pollution and would therefore be classified as unsatisfactory, thus requiring sterilization before being allowed into supply.

The Penhill supply to Middleham is contaminated at source but is also further polluted on its way to the Service Reservoir through the joints in the 'main' connecting the two. This 'main' consists of four miles of 6" stoneware pipes laid at a shallow depth with open joints, and it is obviously impossible in these circumstances effectively to prevent serious pollution of the supply.

Caldbergh is the only one of the sources which is not subject to physical pollution, the remainder suffering occasional discolouration after heavy rain.

The Sowden Beck supply consists of a number of springs and produces a very soft water which is plumbo solvent and aggressive to metals. It is understood, however, that these characteristics may possibly be confined to a few of the springs only, although no supporting chemical analyses are available at the present time for individual springs.

The Cranehow Bottom/Whipperdale, Sowden Beck, and Middleham supplies are sterilized, the latter by drip feed chlorination only. In addition lime is added to the Sowden Beck supply to raise its pH value. This treatment also has the effect of slightly increasing the hardness of the water but even so it remains very soft."

Twenty three samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Northallerton for bacteriological examination, of these fourteen were free from any contamination at all.

For the Sowden Beck and Cranehow Bottom supplies that are liable to act upon lead pipes, copper tubes are always recommended and occasionally plastic and galvanised tubes are laid.

The Water Board were notified of unsatisfactory bacteriological reports and they stepped up the output of Chlorine from the machines responsible immediately. Later samples were found to be satisfactory.

Information regarding fluoride content is not available.

W A T E R

The number of dwellings for water laid on from public and parish mains and private undertakings, is as follows:-

Parish	Number of dwellings of parish	Number of houses with mains water inside	Houses using outside stand pipes	Houses with private water laid on (mainly farms)
Agglethorpe-with-Coverham	27	-	-	27
Akebar	8	8	-	-
Arrathorne	17	17	-	-
Barden	15	13	1	1
Bellerby	106	103	-	3
Caldbergh-with-East-Scrafton	17	12	-	5
Carlton Highdale	54	25	-	29
Carlton Town	61	57	-	4
Castle Bolton	33	-	-	33
Constable Burton	49	44	-	5
East Witton-Out	25	-	-	25
East Witton-In	72	63	2	7
Finghall	38	36	-	2
Garriston	6	1	-	5
Harmby	81	77	1	3
Hauxwell East	20	18	-	2
Hauxwell West	6	6	-	-
Hornby	33	26	-	7
Hunton	131	121	-	10
Hutton Hang	6	6	-	-
Leyburn	492	488	-	4
Melmerby	24	-	-	24
Middleham	269	266	-	3
Newton-le-Willows	105	105	-	-
Patrick Brompton	42	42	-	-
Preston-under-Scar	65	63	2	-
Redmire	79	79	-	-
Spennithorne	55	35	-	20
Thornton Steward	61	61	-	-
Wensley	62	17	-	45
West Scrafton	23	-	-	23
West Witton	131	99	-	32
TOTALS	2213	1890	6	317

HOUSING STATISTICS - 1967

The number of dwellings erected during the year by private enterprise numbered 17. The total number of private dwellings erected since 1945 is now 173.

The Council erected 10 of the 18 dwellings at Middleham during the year. The number of dwellings owned by the Council and built since 1945 is 271. Previous to 1945, the Council had erected 16 dwellings and two private houses were converted into one Council house at Harmby, so the total number of Council houses is 288.

A contract for 42 units has been accepted for Woodside, Leyburn. Plans for a further 6 units at Redmire are under preparation.

Private enterprise sites at Harmby (31 units) and Leyburn (21 units) were commenced.

There were 22 private dwellings under construction at the end of 1967:-

Leyburn	-	13
Harmby	-	4
Hunton	-	2
East Witton	-	1
Wensley	-	1
Bellerby	-	1

H O U S I N G

DETAILS OF HOUSES ERECTED BY THE LEYBURN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Parish	4.B.R.	3.B.R.	2.B.R.	Bungalows	Total
Arrathorne	1	3	-	-	4
Bellerby	-	12	-	-	12
Constable Burton	-	10	-	-	10
East Witton	-	4	-	-	4
Finghall	-	12	-	-	12
Harmby	-	7	-	-	7
Hunton	-	10	-	9	19
Leyburn (Maythorne)	-	66	-	-	66
(Woodside)	-	6	3	8	17
(The Nurseries)	-	4	-	8	12
Middleham	-	40	16	14	70
Newton-le-Willows	-	2	4	4	10
Patrick Brompton	-	2	-	-	2
Preston-under-Scar	1	2	-	-	3
Redmire	-	6	-	-	6
Spennithorne	-	14	-	2	16
Thornton Steward	-	4	-	-	4
Wensley	-	4	-	-	4
West Witton	1	7	-	2	10
TOTALS	3	215	23	47	288

H O U S I N G

Number of housing inspections made during the year	..	115
Number of houses vacated during the year	.. ..	62
Number of houses in which defects were made good:-		
(a) After Informal Notice	.. ..	6
(b) After Formal Notice	.. ..	NIL
Number of houses which were found to be unfit, but capable of repair	.. ..	6
Number of houses which were unfit for human habitation		7
Houses closed	.. ..	7
Houses demolished	.. ..	3

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958 HOUSE PURCHASE & HOUSING ACT, 1959 (as amended 1961 & 1964)

32 applicants by house owners to improve their dwellings with the aid of a grant were approved by the Council.

31 Standard Grants were paid upon completions of the approved works.

8 Discretionary Grants were also paid.

The average Standard Grant per dwelling worked out at £107 16s 0d. The Discretionary Grants paid averaged £352 10s 0d per dwelling. 9 properties were connected to the sewers and 10 to septic tank drainage and 1 water connection "for the first time".

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

Number of licensed sites	.. ..	5
Total caravans allowed on licensed sites	.. ..	140
Total number of these occupied during winter months		6
Number of inspections	.. ..	37

A new set of Licensing Conditions were approved and operated from the beginning of the year.

One site has an additional sanitary block under construction with all modern amenities in anticipation of an increase of licensed sites from 40 to 90.

All the sites are well managed and I have no adverse comments.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEME

Details of village sewerage arrangements are set out hereunder:-

	Dwellings and other buildings served	Outlying properties not served
Arrathorne	14	3
Bellerby	98	6
Carlton Town	54	8
Carlton Highdale	22	21
Castle Bolton	24	9
Constable Burton	38	12
Finghall	30	7
Harmby	67	8
Hauxwell	20	6
Hornby	24	9
Hunton	116	20
Leyburn	462	17
Melmerby	20	2
Middleham	254	6
Newton-le-Willows	92	8
Patrick Brompton	39	4
Preston-under-Scar	62	4
Redmire	75	3
Spennithorne	52	2
Thornton Steward	46	13
Wensley	50	12
East Witton Town	58	16
West Witton	120	14
TOTALS	1837	210

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEMES

All the villages are sewered and there only remains the scattered parishes that cannot be sewered economically. Septic tanks appear to be the only answer and most of the farms already have these. 11 septic tanks were constructed during the year.

Improvements to some of our present works are necessary namely East Witton, Leyburn and Middleham. Constable Burton has only septic tank treatment and proposals for a scheme in this parish are being prepared by the Consultant Engineers.

Leyburn works were laid down in 1907 and were enlarged in 1926, since then they have merely been repaired from time to time. They function very well and it is seldom that the filtered effluent, when analysed, is classified unsatisfactory. The tanks and filters are hopelessly overworked during wet weather, and the smallest rain shower brings the storm tanks into use. These works will require renewal in the near future.

At Middleham, the works are too small also. East Witton has a land irrigation scheme that can be easily converted to a tank filter and humus tank system.

Carlton works has a steep and dangerous access and a portable pump should be used in preference to the "vacuum tank".

A manhole lifter was purchased during the year and is proving to be very useful.

The River's Board continued to sample effluent from all the works and when adverse samples were received, remedial measures were immediately put into operation.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION AND DRAINAGE

Number of houses with water carriage system	2063
Number of houses without water carriage system	72
Number of conversions to water carriage system during year	40

P L A N S

119 plans were considered during the year. Details are shown in the table below:-

	New Buildings	Alterations to dwellings	Garages and sheds	Cow sheds and dairies	Other Building	Total
Agglethorpe	-	-	-	1	-	1
Arrathorne	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bellerby	1	1	-	-	-	2
Castle Bolton	-	-	-	-	1	1
Constable Burton	-	3	1	-	1	5
Carlton	-	1	-	-	-	1
East Witton In	1	-	-	-	-	1
Finghall	1	1	-	-	2	4
Harmby	7	1	2	1	4	15
Hauxwell	-	1	-	-	-	1
Hornby	-	2	-	-	-	2
Horsehouse	-	1	-	-	1	2
Hunton	1	4	1	1	-	7
Leyburn	20	4	10	1	3	38
Melmerby	-	3	1	-	-	4
Middleham	1	3	-	1	-	5
Newton-le-Willows	1	1	-	-	-	2
Patrick Brompton	1	1	1	-	-	3
Preston-under-Scar	-	2	1	-	-	3
Redmire	-	2	1	-	2	5
Spennithorne	-	2	1	-	-	3
Swinithwaite	-	1	-	-	-	1
Thornton Steward	1	-	-	1	-	2
Wensley	1	1	3	-	1	6
West Scrafton	-	3	-	-	1	2
West Witton	-	2	-	1	-	3
	36	38	24	7	14	119

MEAT INSPECTION

There is now only one private slaughterhouse in the district, the other was not relicensed at the beginning of the year.

There are seven butcher's shops in the District. Six of these butchers now buy their meat from the large abattoirs in adjoining districts, with the result that there has been a drop in the number of animals killed in the remaining privately owned slaughterhouse. The animals passing into this slaughterhouse are all reared locally and the meat is of good quality. Meat is inspected on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in each week.

CARCASES AND OFFALS INSPECTED DURING 1967

	Beasts	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number of visits - 191				
Number killed	144	1	440	145
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<u>CONDEMNATIONS</u>				
Whole Carcases	-	-	-	-
Parts of Carcases or Organs	37 381 lbs	-	24 130 lbs	8 44 lbs

INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

	Inspections	Informal Notices	Not complied with	Statutory Notices	Not complied with
Housing	210	12	-	-	-
Slaughterhouses	191	-	-	-	-
Public Health Acts	57	36	-	-	-
Food Hygiene	49	5	-	-	-
TOTALS	507	53	-	-	-

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

The total number of food premises of all kinds in the district is 83 - made up as follows:-

Bakers	2	Cafes	9
Grocery	34	Fish	1
Sweets	7	Greengrocers	3
Hotels	26	Confectioners	2
Butchers	7	Fish Friers	1
Ice Cream Retailers	32		

(Please note:- some premises have more than one use)

No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16 - 83

No. of premises to which Regulation 19 applies - 83

No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19 - 83

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

64 visits were made to premises used for the handling, preparing or selling of food during the year. There was little to complain about so far as cleanliness of the premises was concerned and the workers also were generally satisfactory.

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

DISPOSAL OF UNSOUND FOOD

Unsound meat from the slaughterhouse is taken away by contractors each Wednesday. It is processed and converted into fertilisers and animal foods. Food from retail shops was condemned as follows:-

- 1 No. 12 oz. tin Chopped Pork
- 1 No. 9lbs. tin Pork Shoulder
- 6 No. trays fresh peaches

P U B L I C C L E A N S I N G

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The team of three men continued to carry out their tasks in all kinds of weather. The average number of premises at which they call daily to pick up bins is 292. A five day week is worked and the lorry is cleaned and greased on one afternoon each week.

The Report of the Working Party on Refuse Storage and Collection was received and agreed as an ideal objective. The Report on Refuse Disposal is awaited with interest.

Tips are levelled and left tidy after each load but this falls short of what is required for controlled tipping. Additional labour will be required if improvements on the tips, which I consider essential, are to be carried out.

Three loads per working day are taken to our tips of which there are three, namely - Preston, Middleham and Lingy Hill. A new access was constructed at the latter.

The total cost of the service for 1967 was £4,504 0s 0d.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

24 householders requested the service of our tank emptying machine during the year. It is becoming more and more impossible to cope with requests from other districts. When not engaged on this work it is employed to clear sludge from various tanks and drying beds at several of the sewage works.

RODENT CONTROL

In addition to maintaining sewage works, emptying cesspools, clearing blocked sewers and drains, our sewage works attendants undertake rat poisoning in private premises, at sewage works and on refuse tips. Inspections and treatments are as follows:-

Number of domestic premises inspected	53
Number of treatments carried out to above	25
Number of treatments carried out on other premises ..	3

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

REGISTRATIONS & INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	
Offices	22	9	
Retail Shops	31	10	
Warehouses	2	1	
Catering Establishments	10	4	
Fuel Depots	-	-	
Number of visits of all kinds - 43	65	24	
<u>ANALYSIS OF EMPLOYEES</u>			
Class of Premises	Number Employed		Total
	Males	Females	
Offices	28	41	69
Shops	20	70	90
Warehouses	4	-	4
Catering Establishments	-	31	31
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
TOTALS	52	142	194

(A)

FACTORIES ACTS-1937/1959

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Section 1,2, 3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	-	-	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	37	18	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	-	-	-	-

FACTORIES ACTS 1961

(B)	DEFECTS	-	5	REMEDIED	-	5
(C)	OUTWORK	-	NIL			

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS & POOLS

NIL

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

NIL

PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCES

Total number of inspections (excluding housing inspections)	57
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Number of nuisances found	36
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Number abated during year by:-

(a) Information action	34
(b) Statutory action	Nil
Dangerous buildings dealt with	..	..	1

OFFENSIVE TRADES

NIL

